

INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY The Netherlands
SUBJECT The Netherlands Communist Committee

DATE DISTR. 22 October 1948

NO. OF PAGES 3

25X1A

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

25X1A

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

25X1X

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1X

EVALUATE

The Netherlands Communist Committee (Het Nederlands Communistisch Comité) has been organized by an anonymous group of Dutch Communists, sometimes referred to as the "Tito group", who advocate throwing off Moscow and Cominform direction. Although there have been rumors of the founding of this committee, the first verification of its existence was received in the form of a pamphlet, distributed secretly in the month of September to several thousand members of the CPN (Communist Party Netherlands) who were thought to be dissatisfied with the slavish obedience of the CPN to Moscow. A translation of this pamphlet follows:

"After long and thorough preparation, a meeting of officials and members of the C.P.N. (Communist Party Netherlands) and organisations in sympathy with it was recently held somewhere in the Netherlands. After searching discussion, this meeting unanimously decided to set up a committee which would give greater publicity to the ideas and aims of Marshal Tito in our country as well.

"The Netherlands Communist Committee is desirous of explaining its attitude in this first publication.

"As communists we have great admiration for the Soviet Union. It brings us the realisation of the communist ideals and strives for the happiness of its citizens in a way we would also wish for our countrymen. We are filled with great admiration for the mighty achievements of the Soviet Union during the war against the Nazi hordes, and with still greater admiration have we watched its supreme effort in the struggle against American capitalism.

"We honour Generalissimo Stalin as the greatest statesman of all time!

"Nevertheless, the Soviet Union's great achievements and successes in its own territory are no excuse for refraining to criticize its international co-operation with the allies and

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

WARNING NOTICE: THIS DISTRIBUTION LISTING MUST BE EXCISED BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THIS DOCUMENT.

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NSRB	
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR			

This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States.

SECRET

Document No. NO CHANGE in Class.

DECLASSIFIED

Class. CHANGED TO: TS

Date: 050578 By: 002

Approved For Release 2001/11/23 : CIA-RDP82-00457R002000060003-4

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~SECRET~~~~SECRET~~

25X1A

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- 2 -

communist parties of other countries. In our view Marshal Tito has voiced this criticism in a masterly fashion, and we deem it necessary in the interests of Dutch Communism to give it wider publicity amongst our friends.

"The Soviet Union has, indeed, no right to turn the small allied Soviet Republics and the communist parties of other countries into stereotyped reproductions of the Russian communist party.

"And it is also necessary for each country to fight American capitalism in its own way.

"We regard a Cominform which issues orders to all communist parties as unnecessary, and would only be able to accept it as an advisory body. By this means alone can the independence of our party be guaranteed in the future.

"Just because we members of the Committee know that our great strength is rooted in our communist ideology, we want to speak of Dutch Communism. We do not wish to be Communists alone, but at the same time also Dutchmen! We are better able to judge what is good for the Dutch workman than an institution which issues decrees somewhere in Rumania or elsewhere, even if a few Dutchmen may have been permitted to be present there.

"We now want to manage our own affairs, because that is the only way of guaranteeing that even in a united communist Europe we can be sure of remaining Dutch Communists.

"We are proud of our Dutch traditions, of our fight for freedom and of our Marxian struggle for a better future. It is upon these that we want to go on building!

"We disapprove of any form of Cominform tutelage, and therefore appreciate the manly behaviour of Marshal Tito, who aspires to be not only a communist but at the same time a Yugoslavian, and wants to remain master in his own house.

"The communist Europe of the future must not be a purely Soviet concern. It must be a true community of the communist nations of Europe.

"This ideal loses force if every step in the political struggle to be taken by our Dutch Communists and, inter alia, also our Italian and French friends is to be dictated.

"The establishment of our Committee is thus also an alarm signal for the communist parties in other countries. Only if our warning is effective, can the political balance be maintained, and will our rights be guaranteed in the future.

"We shall therefore unitedly resist a Cominform which in its attitude towards Marshal Tito has clearly shown that it wishes to impose its own will on other nations.

"We respect the Swiss Communists who have already publicly expressed their approval of Marshal Tito's Communism.

"We have purposely refrained from commenting on the elections, since we are anxious not to injure our party in the eyes of the public; but we have subsequently had numerous discussions with party-members and friends and are certain that many of our best people are of the same conviction as we are.

"And although for obvious reasons we are not as yet able to disclose our names, we wish to inform our friends in the Netherlands of the aims of our Dutch Communist Committee.

~~SECRET~~~~SECRET~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1A

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

- 3 -

"Needless to say we are keeping Marshal Tito informed of our action.

Long live our free Dutch Communism!"

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~